ECFS - Email Filing <PROCEEDING>96-45 <DATE>02/08/2005 <NAME>Yvette Lessard <ADDRESS1>10 Pine Ave/ <ADDRESS2> <CITY>Manchester <STATE>NH <ZIP>30103 <LAW-FIRM> <ATTORNEY> <FILE-NUMBER> <DOCUMENT-TYPE> RC <PHONE-NUMBER> <DESCRIPTION> <CONTACT-EMAIL>vetless@juno.com <TEXT>I can't believe that the FCC is considering taking more money from the very people who can least afford it! I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I do everything I can to keep my costs as low as I can so that I can afford to have a cell phone for emergency purposes, and here comes the FCC again to throw a wrench into my budget! I cannot afford all these tax increases that are continuously thrown my way. I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal would make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and emergency situations. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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